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ROADWATCH: Week of May 2 - 8

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "###". For statewide traffic information for major roadways, dial 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org.

INTERSTATE 81

*** INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Motorists should watch for alternating lane closures on southbound Route 100 near the Interstate 81 bridge at mile marker 89 in Pulaski County. Crews will be repairing the I-81 bridge over southbound Route 100 and lane closures will be in place on Route 100 on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exit ramp from I-81 southbound onto Route 100 southbound will remain closed until the bridge is repaired. Work is expected to be completed by mid- July. Drivers traveling on northbound Route 100 who need to access southbound I-81, can use Honaker Road to get onto I-81 at exit 86. To access southbound Route 100 from southbound I-81, motorists should take exit 92 and use Kirby Road.

* INTERSTATE 81 GUARDRAIL WORK – Weather permitting lane closures may be in place for guardrail work at various locations in Roanoke and Botetourt counties on northbound I-81 between mile markers 147 and 168 and on southbound I-81 between mile markers 148 and 137. Lane closures may occur in the right and left lanes between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Motorists should use caution and watch for signs in the work zone. Estimated completion is June.

* INTERSTATE 81 SLOPE REPAIRS – Weather permitting, work to repair the slope along northbound I-81 at mile marker 127.5 will cause left lane closures during nighttime hours, Monday, May 4.

*** INTERSTATE 81 CROSSOVER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crossover repairs may cause left shoulder closures on northbound I-81 at mile marker 144 in Roanoke County. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, the I-81 bridge over Mason Creek and Route 630 (Kessler Mill Road) will be inspected. The bridge is located at mile marker 141 in Roanoke County. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound I-81 on Sunday, May 3 between 7 a.m. and noon, and on Monday, May 4 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

* INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE OVER ROUTE 641 INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Friday, May 8, the I-81 bridge over Route 641 (Texas Hollow Road) in Roanoke County will be inspected. The bridge is located at mile marker 136. Flaggers will direct traffic on Route 641 beneath the bridge between 8 a.m. and noon.

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ROANOKE

* **INTERSTATE 581 CROSSOVER REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, crossover repairs may cause left shoulder closures on southbound I-581 between mile markers 0 and 6 in Roanoke and Roanoke County. Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **INTERSTATE 581 BRIDGE OVER TAZEVELL AVENUE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Friday, May 8, the I-581 bridge over Tazewell Avenue will be inspected. The bridge is located near Elm Avenue. Flaggers will control traffic beneath the bridge on Tazewell Avenue between 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Drivers should expect delays.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* **COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Work will include widening the travel lanes, adjusting curves, paving shoulders and constructing a roundabout at the intersection of Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard. Intersection upgrades will be performed at Vest Drive and Girard Drive. The bridge over Mudlick Creek will be replaced with a pipe culvert. Motorists can expect periodic lane closures and should watch for signs and flaggers. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* **ROUTE 419 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace a pipe may cause lane closures on northbound Route 419 in front of Tanglewood Mall near the Wendy's. A right lane closure may be in place on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* **ROUTE 419 SIGNAL WORK** – Weather permitting, crews are adjusting the traffic signal at the intersection of Route 419 and Route 800 (Chaparral Drive). Motorists should watch for shoulder closures and crews working near the roadway on weekdays during daylight hours. Once the work is completed, the signal will allow permissive left turns on green, and motorists must yield to oncoming traffic when making left turns from Route 419 onto Chaparral Drive.

* **ROUTE 220 UTILITY LINE INSTALLATION** – Water line installation may cause lane closures during nighttime hours on southbound Route 220 between Route 419 and the Franklin County line. Work will be performed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weeknights and on some weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will mark pavement on Route 460 between Route 1020 (Trail Drive) and the Roanoke City limits. Pavement marking will cause periodic lane closures during nighttime hours.

* **ROUTE 1652 BOX CULVERT INSTALLATION** – Work to replace a box culvert on Route 1652 (Farmington Road) between Route 1573 (Cave Spring Lane) and Route 1676 (Lakeland Drive) continues. The road is closed to traffic on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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* **ROUTE 1162 DRAINAGE WORK** – Crews will make drainage improvements on Route 1162 (Stonemill Drive) between Kingsmill and Mill Pond Drive. Beginning Wednesday, May 6, a portion of Route 1166 (Kings Mill Drive) will be closed for utility work. Kings Mill Drive is located in the Woodbridge subdivision and will be closed from Route 1162 (Stone Mill Drive) to Route 1165 (Queens Mill Drive) for approximately one month. Motorists will need to seek alternates routes around the closure.

* **UTILITY LINE INSTALLATION** – Weather permitting, crews will install sewer lines in the Andrew Lewis Place subdivision. Closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours on the following roads:

- Route 1101 (McDaniel Drive)
- Route 1102 (Andrew Avenue)
- Route 1103 (Ellen Drive)
- Route 1104 (Evelyn Drive)
- Route 1106 (Font Avenue / Lewis Drive)

BEDFORD COUNTY

* **LITTER PICK-UP (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, litter may be picked up along various primary roads such as routes 501, 460, 122, and 24 in Bedford County. During daylight hours on weekdays, drivers should expect possible lane closures and watch for workers along the shoulders of the roadway.

* **ROUTE 43 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on two sections of Route 43 in Bedford County:

- From just north of the Bedford City Limits to Route 644
- From Route 724 to Route 722

Work will be performed during daytime hours. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Expect delays. Estimated completion is in May.

* **ROUTE 122 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – Weather permitting possible shoulder closures or lane closures may be in place at various locations on Route 122 for guardrail repairs between Route 747 and Route 746. Work will be performed during daytime hours between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Motorists should watch for signs and flaggers.

* **ROUTE 221 WIDENING** – Work is underway to widen a 2.2-mile section of Route 221 from just west of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to east of Route 663 west of Forest. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph in this area. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction. Motorists should watch for flaggers, signs and changing traffic patterns. Periodic nighttime lane closures may occur at various locations, Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Work on this project will continue into late 2009.

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BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 PAVEMENT MARKING**– Crews will paint pavement markings on various sections of northbound and southbound Route 220 in Botetourt County. Drivers should watch for possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **ROUTE 220 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place due to paving on southbound Route 220 between Route 1202 (Church Street) and Route 676 (Parsons Road) in the Fincastle area. Work will be performed during daylight hours. Motorists should use caution and watch for signs.

* **ROUTE 220 SWEEPING** – Weather permitting, crews will sweep pavement on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Route 11 and Fincastle. Watch for slow moving traffic and expect possible delays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 43 LINE PAINTING** – Weather permitting, crews will paint pavement markings at various locations on Route 43. Expect possible delays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 43 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on the Route 43 bridge. The bridge is located about a mile from Eagle Rock. Repairs will cause possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 640 AND ROUTE 812 INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS** – Crews will make improvements and realign a curve on Route 640 (Brugh's Mill Road) at the intersection of Route 812 (Farmer's Road). Motorists should watch for flaggers directing traffic on weekdays during daylight hours.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE WORK** – Work has begun to rehabilitate a pair of bridges on I-77 at marker 23.6 in the Poplar Camp area. These bridges are located about 0.6 mile south of the Wythe County line and carry northbound and southbound I-77 over Route 743 (Pleasant Hill Road). Work to pave shoulders may cause nighttime lane closures on northbound or southbound I-77 between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weekdays. Motorists are advised to be alert to changing traffic patterns on northbound and southbound I-77. In the months ahead, several traffic pattern changes are expected, especially during nighttime hours.

* **INTERSTATE 77 SHOULDER IMPROVEMENTS** – Crews will be making shoulder and guardrail improvements on southbound Interstate 77 from mile marker 23 to mile marker 14. Motorists should watch for shoulder closures on weekdays between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on weeknights.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.1 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. Drivers should expect short delays.

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*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge will be widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph. This traffic pattern is expected to remain until spring 2009.

* ROUTE 58 DRAINAGE STRUCTURE INSTALLATION – Weather permitting, work to install drainage structures on a section of Route 58 will impact traffic. The section of Route 58 is between I-77 and Galax in the Woodlawn area. Westbound Route 58 is reduced to one lane. Drivers should expect delays and use caution in this work zone. ***Weather permitting, one day next week, a section of westbound Route 58 will be closed between Route 872 (Woodlawn Road) and Route 1077 (Bittersweet Lanes. Westbound traffic will be detoured onto Route 872 for approximately 1.6 miles. Eastbound traffic on Route 58 will not be impacted. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area and expect delays.*** Drivers should expect delays and use caution in this work zone.

CRAIG COUNTY

* ROUTE 42 BRUSH CUTTING – Expect possible lane closures on Route 42 in Craig County due to brush cutting. Work will be performed during daylight hours on weekdays.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* ROUTE 220 SHOULDER MAINTENANCE – Weather permitting, watch for mobile lane closures on northbound or southbound Route 220 on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. due to shoulder maintenance.

* ROUTE 220 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – The exit ramp leading from northbound Route 220 onto northbound Route 220 Business in Franklin County is closed. This ramp is located just south of Rocky Mount in the Doe Run area. The ramp will be closed until August while the bridge that carries Route 220 Business over Route 220 is replaced. A detour is posted directing traffic on northbound Route 220 to use the Route 40 exit to access Route 220 Business (South Main Street). During the ramp closure, vehicles also are prohibited from making left turns at the crossover from northbound Route 220 onto Southside Drive, Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. and between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Motorists can expect periodic lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 beneath the bridge. Signs and message boards will be in place on Route 220 to advise motorists of lane closures. Estimated completion is August.

*** ROUTE 634 IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is underway to relocate about 0.7 mile of Route 634 (Hardy Road) adjacent to Smith Mountain Lake near the Hardy Ford Bridge. Drivers should pay attention to signs and expect a new traffic pattern. Periodic lane closures during daytime hours with flaggers may occur. *This week, if weather permits, the contractor will be paving and placing stone on this project.* Estimated completion date is June 2009.

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* PAVEMENT PATCHING – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers controlling traffic along the following routes between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays due to pavement patching:

- Route 640 (Turners Creek Road/Six Mile Post Road)
- Route 661 (Berger Place)
- Route 674 (Longhorne Road)
- Route 681 (Coopers Cove Road)
- Route 684 (Boones Mill Road)
- Route 861 (Major Holland Road)
- Route 922 (Smith's Paradise Road)
- Route 1110 (Carlos Road)
- Route 1111 (Standiford Road)
- Route 1112 (Winding Way Road)
- Route 1113 (Brooks Point Lane)
- Route 1115 (Dodee Lane)
- Route 1116 (Kamp Branch Road)
- Route 1117 (Somerset Cove Road)
- Route 1494 (Cedar Bay Road)
- Route 1660 (Blue Lake Road)
- Route 1661 (Star Lake Road)

* ROUTE 860 PIPE REPLACEMENT – Work to replace a pipe on Route 860 (Shooting Creek Road) may cause periodic lane closures during daylight hours. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

GILES COUNTY

* ROUTE 460 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, May 5, the eastbound Route 460 bridge over the New River and the railroad tracks will be inspected. The bridge is located at Bluff City, just west of Pearisburg. Lane closures will be in place on eastbound Route 460 during the inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

HENRY COUNTY

*** ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

*** ROUTE 619 DAMAGED CULVERT** – Route 619 (Lawrence Drive) between Route 57 (Chatham Road) and Route 647 (Mountain Valley Road) is closed to through traffic. No estimate for reopening the road is available at this time.

* ROUTE 650 RECONSTRUCTION – Work is under way to reconstruct Route 650 (Irisburg Road) between Route 697 (Mitchell Road) and Route 625 (Poplar Fork Road). Drivers should watch for flaggers controlling traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

*** ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609 (Daniels Creek Road). Estimated completion is November 2010.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will paint lines and mark pavement at various locations on Route 460 in Montgomery County. Drivers should expect possible lane closures or slow moving traffic on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Shoulder closures are in place.

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE WORK** – Work is under way to replace the riding surface on the Route 11 bridge over Plum Creek. The bridge is located about 0.2 mile from the east Radford City limits near the High Meadow subdivision. Work is under way to prepare to install a temporary signal.

* **ROUTE 621 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Beginning Monday, May 4, through Friday, May 8, a portion of Route 621 (Craig's Creek Road) in Montgomery County will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Route 621 will be closed from two miles west of the Craig County line to one mile west of the Craig County line. Crews will be replacing pipe in this area. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area and seek alternate routes around the closure.

PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 773 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – The Route 773 (Ararat Highway) bridge over the Dan River is being repaired. The bridge is located west of Claudville. Currently, traffic across the bridge is reduced to one lane as part of ongoing repairs, and a temporary signal is controlling traffic. Motorists are advised to use caution in the area and expect delays.

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